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SUBJ: OPPOSITION CHARGES UNION WITH CIA CONNECTION

1. PRIME MINISTER BARROW'S CHARGE OF "DE-STABILIZATION" BY THE US AND HIS LINKING OF THE OPPOSITION WITH THE CIA MAY ONLY HAVE BEEN THE OPENING SHOT. IN A HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY SESSION ON MAY 18, 1976, OPPOSITION LEADER J.M.G. "TOM" ADAMS, IN AN EXCHANGE WITH A LEADING GOVERNMENT PARTY FIGURE, BARBADOS WORKERS UNION GENERAL SECRETARY FRANK WALCOTT, OBSERVED THAT THE BARBADOS WORKERS UNION WAS THE RECIPIENT OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF FREE LABOR DEVELOPMENT, ALLEGEDLY A CIA FRONT. IN RAISING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE UNION, WHICH IS CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE DEMOCRATIC LABOUR PARTY, IS CIA SUPPORTED, ADAMS IN EFFECT CONNECTS THE GOVERNMENT WITH THE CIA.

2. BEFORE WALKING OUT OF THE HOUSE, WALCOTT FLUNG BACK WHAT SEEMS TO BE A PEJORATIVE IN CURRENT BARBADIAN POLITICS: AN OPPOSITION OFFICIAL, WALCOTT CHARGED, HAS A "CLOSE RELATIONSHIP" WITH AN OFFICIAL AT THE U.S. EMBASSY.

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3. COMMENT: ADAMS' REMARK COULD SET THE PRIME MINISTER OFF

ON THE "DE-STABILIZATION" THEME AGAIN, THUS BRINGING THE UNITED STATES FULLY INTO THE ELECTION CAMPAIGN. BOTH THE RULING PARTY AND THE OPPOSITION SEEM TO HAVE COPIES OF THE PHILIP AGEE BOOK ON THE CIA, AND EACH IS ENGAGED IN A GAME OF TAGGING THE OTHER WITH ORGANIZATIONS AGEE IDENTIFIES AS HAVING BEEN USED BY THE CIA.

WALCOTT, A MEMBER OF AIFLD'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES, IS SCHEDULED TO TRAVEL TO WASHINGTON AT AIFLD EXPENSE FOR A MEETING OF THE BOARD THE WEEK OF MAY 24.

WE HAVE NO IDEA WHAT HE MAY HAVE MEANT BY SAYING THAT A BLP OFFICIAL HAD A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICIAL. THE EMBASSY IS, OF COURSE, REGULARLY IN TOUCH WITH ADAMS AND OTHER BOP LEADERS.  
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